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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Thermoformed plastic two-step container lid that may be used in situations where a container is covered with a cover foil at the level of the container rim, said container lid comprising:

- i) a substantially sheet like lid body having a depending skirt (1) extending around the full periphery of the lid body, said skirt (1) being suitable for engagement with the peripheral portion of a plastic open top container,
- ii) a lid rim (2) having a recess (8), said rim in a position near the periphery of the lid body, which divides the lid body in a centrally located mirror (3) and an outer part (4) on the other side of the lid rim (2), characterised in that the lid rim (2) comprises one or more bridges (5) connecting the mirror (3) and the outer part (4),

wherein the one or more bridges is ~~either at the same level as the mirror (3) or is a partial~~ bridge consisting of two bridge parts (9,10), each being an indentation of a side wall of the lid rim (2), said indentation being formed by placing part of the side wall at a negative angle, compared to the side wall at a place where there is no bridge;

wherein the container lid comprises an uneven number of bridges; and

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wherein the one or more bridges (5) prevents the container rim from entering the recess (8) of the lid rim (2) of the two-step container lid when the container is re-closed.

Claims 2-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended): Container lid according to claim 1, comprising ~~four or more~~ than four bridges (5).

Claim 6 (currently amended): Container lid according to claim 5, comprising ~~six or more~~ than six bridges (5).

Claim 7 (previously presented): Container lid according to claim 1, wherein the bridges (5) are distributed evenly around the periphery of the lid.

Claim 8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (previously presented): Container lid according to claim 1, wherein the width of the bridges (5) is 3 mm or more.